5.2.3.4 Resolution X: Resolved that the Government of India be requested to introduce the promised legislation on Archives as early as possible.

National Archives of India: The idea of a single law applicable to the records of the Union and the State Governments has been abandoned because no State Government has requested the Central legislature to frame such a law on their behalf. As such the Government of India is now working for the enactment of a Public Records Act concerning ~~with~~ the records of the Union Government and the Administration of Union Territories. In accordance with the decision taken in the Inter-Ministerial meeting held on 10th November, 1981, a comprehensive note on the subject to be placed before the Secretaries Committee of the Government of India was prepared and sent to the Department of Culture.

So far State Governments of Maharashtra, Orissa, Haryana, Gujarat and Kerala and Delhi Administration have issued Archival Policy Resolutions. Remaining States/Union Territories are being pursuaded to have their own Archival Policy Resolutions.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Smt. Anna Malhotra, Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture on 11 December, 1981 and it was decided that the Antiquities and Art Treasure Act of 1972 should be amended so as to cover records, manuscripts and documents of historical importance and to prevent their unwarranted destruction and illegal trade. The matter is under process of the Government of India.